

Components of SDTP

The SDTP is a 24-month intensive treatment program, available to eligible individuals, and consists of the following components:

- SDTP Level 1 - A minimum of 7 months of confinement inside of a SCI, to include 4 months of participation in an institutional Therapeutic Community (TC).
- SDTP Level 2 - A minimum of 2 months of participation in a community-based Therapeutic Community (substance-use inpatient treatment).
- SDTP Level 3 – A minimum of 6 months of participation in community-based outpatient substance-use treatment. During Level 3, the participant may reside at an approved furlough address or at a community corrections center (CCC).
- SDTP Level 4 – the participant will complete the balance of the 24 months participating in community reintegration activities to include educational, housing, ancillary treatment, and employment goals. During Level 4, the participant may reside at an approved furlough address or at a community corrections center (CCC).

Upon Successful Completion

Upon certification by the PA DOC of the participant's successful completion of the program, the entire term of confinement that rendered the participant eligible to participate in the SDTP shall be deemed to have been served.

Expulsion from the Program

A participant may be expelled from the SDTP at any time in accordance with guidelines established by the Department, including failure to comply with administrative and disciplinary procedures or requirements set forth by the Department. An expelled participant shall be housed in a State Correctional Institution to serve the remainder of the participant's sentence.

Extensions

Notwithstanding any credit to which the participant may be entitled under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9760 (relating to credit for time served), the duration of the SDTP is twenty-four (24) months, but if the participant is unable to complete the program within twenty-four (24) months and is otherwise compliant with the program, subject to the discretion of the Department, the program duration may be extended up to thirty (30) months total in order for the participant to successfully complete the program.

For more information about each program and criteria, go to <https://www.cor.pa.gov/community-reentry/Pages/JRI2.aspx> or see Pa C.S. §6141

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The State Drug Treatment Program has replaced the former State Intermediate Punishment Program (SIP) within the Department of Corrections (Department). This change, which resulted from Act 115 of 2019 Justice Reinvestment Initiative 2 (JRI2), became effective on 12/18/19. Unlike SIP, which was a 24-month flat sentence imposed by a judge to address substance use-related crimes, the SDTP is a treatment program to which an individual that is incarcerated in a State Correctional Institution (SCI) may be referred following evaluation and classification completed by the Department.

SDTP Criteria

Every inmate that enters an SCI will be reviewed for appropriateness for SDTP. This review will occur when the individual is within 2 years of his/her minimum sentence. For those that enter the DOC already within 2 years of his/her minimum, it will occur at Diagnostics and Classification.

Statutory Criteria

- The individual has not been deemed ineligible by the court or the Commonwealth.
- The individual was not sentenced to a minimum greater than 5 years.
- The individual's sentence does not include an enhancement for the use of deadly weapon.
- Individual must have a significant need for Drug and/or Alcohol treatment.
- A person who has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent of any crime listed under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 97 Subch. H (relating to registration of sexual offenders) or I (relating to the continued

registration of sexual offenders) is not eligible.

- A person with a current conviction or a prior conviction within the past 10 years for 18 Pa.C.S. §2502 (relating to murder), drug trafficking as defined in section 61 Pa.C.S. §4103, or a crime of violence as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. §9714(g) (relating to sentences for second or subsequent offenses), or criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit any of these offenses is not eligible.
- The individual must be within 2 years of their minimum sentence to begin the program.

Department Criteria

According to the statute for SDTP, the Department has discretion on placing an eligible person into SDTP. As we bear this responsibility, we review program criteria on a regular basis and as such, Department criteria can change at any time. The Department's criteria is based on what is best for the individual, the Department, the Community and the Program. Specifics can be found on the Department's website (www.cor.pa.gov)

- The individual should have at least 7 months until their minimum and must have at least 24 months until their maximum.
- The individual cannot have an active Protection from Abuse Order (unless it will expire by the time the individual is ready for Level 2 of the program).
- The Department has expanded the list of ineligible crimes.
- The individual's behavior while incarcerated is considered.

Waivers

The prosecuting attorney may advise the court that the Commonwealth has elected to waive the eligibility requirements of the statute if the victim has been given notice and has been given an opportunity to be heard on the issue. The court, after considering the victim input, may refuse to accept the waiver or may accept the waiver. Note: A waiver does not guarantee placement into SDTP. An individual with a waiver will be reviewed by the Department for appropriateness.

Consecutive Probation

The statute does not prohibit the court from sentencing an eligible person to a period of consecutive probation.

Considerations

- Waivers of eligibility requirements should be noted on the Sentencing Order to ensure the Department can identify them. They must include both the court and Commonwealth's position.
- The prosecuting attorney has authority to deem an individual as ineligible. The court must honor that designation. This must be placed on the Sentencing Order.
- The court has the authority to deem an individual as ineligible. This must be placed on the Sentencing Order.
- If a Sentencing Order does not mention ineligibility of an individual, it is presumed they may be eligible by the Department and the individual will be reviewed for appropriateness.
- All individuals that enter an SCI are reviewed for appropriate placement into SDTP.